

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Initially, the Applicants would again like to thank the Examiner for the indication in the Final Official Action that claims 4-20, 22-25, 27-43 and 45-48 contain allowable subject matter.

In the Official Action, the Examiner rejects claims 1-3, 21, 26, 44 and 49 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over WO 98/07022 to Ramm et al., (hereinafter "Ramm") in view of WO 00/05571 to Dixon et al., (hereinafter "Dixon").

In the Advisory Action dates January 19, 2007, the Examiner did not enter the amendment filed on December 8, 2006 because it raised a new issue.

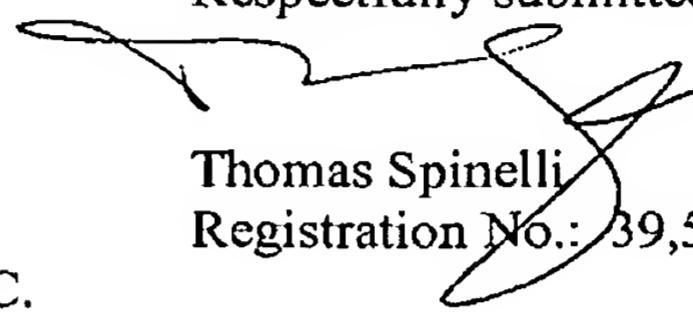
Therefore, as a supplemental response, claims 1-3, 21, 26, 44 and 49 have been canceled and allowable claims 4, 10, 11, 15, 22, 27, 33, 34, 38 and 45 have been rewritten in independent form including the features of their base claim and intervening claims (if any).

Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims of record recite allowable subject matter and should be allowed.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this application be allowed and a Notice of Allowance issued. If the Examiner believes that a telephone

conference with Applicants' attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,


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